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Desperate Donald, The councillor who was 'asked to leave' his Freemasons lodge

The woman who was diddled by a dubious double glazer

Eight year wait

GOVERNMENT Bureaucrats have made HYDE man AMTOR ALI wait eight years before allowing his family to join him here in ENGLAND.

AMTOR ALI came to England twelve years ago. W hen he had established himself he sought Home Office permission for his wife and his four children to come over from BANGLADESH to join him. Eight years later the long wait is nearly over. *But it has taken a visit by a Manchester vicar, a lawyer and a photographer to AMTORs family village to convince the Home Office that AMTOR is not lying.*

The Home Office have put every obstacle in the way of this family being brought together. In 1977 the Salvation Army's investigation into the case was not accepted by officials. Then in February this year there was an independent visit to BANGLADESH. An appeal by AMTOR heard on March 18th using the new evidence was successful.

There are 3 other TAMESIDE men all living in MOSSLEY waiting to be reunited with their families.□

Saving it?

'TAMESIDE is leading the way in energy conservation' said lugubrious council leader ROY OLDHAM at a recent council meeting. Does that mean that they have at last turned off the sweltering central heating in the new multi-million pound administrative DUSTBIN in ASHTON? Or is it still just our school and community centres who are doing all the conserving ?□

Master builder

Distressing tales continue to reach us of hardships being endured by members of GREENFIELD CONSERVATIVE CLUB during extensive 'improvements' by WRIGLEY's CONSTRUCTION LTD., just one of the 'enterprises' in the group of companies presided over by the insufferable Mossley businessman ROBERT WRIGLEY. Despite a job specification which calls for 'minimum inconvenience to club members' the Greenfield Tories have now been without heating for a month, and during a recent downpour a 'Niagara' style torrent poured into what used to be the 'best room' with only one of WIRGLEY's leaky buckets to stem the tide. Visitors to the Gents need to duck when entering the tastefully tiled cubicles; our ROBERT's men have made the doors six inches too short!

We note with interest that WRIGLEY's CONSTRUCTION LTD. was registered as a company on 4th Feb. this year, so there's not exactly a wealth of experience going into the job.□

ANTIQUE

MOTTRAM dwellers will be miffed to learn that our old friend Howard de Carle (real name Howard Wilkinson) Director of 'SIDS', the Stalybridge indoor Sportorama, has been refused planning permission to turn Crown Pole House, in the Market Place into an antique shop.
No doubt the planners believe that MOTTRAM is already well-equipped with Antique showrooms, like the one on the second floor of the old Co-op which is a proposed fund-raiser for the local Labour party in Council Leader ROY OLDHAM's Ward.
Any suggestion that the planners refusal of Mr. De Carle's application is in any way connected with Labour's money-spinning showroom would be quite without foundation.□

Lucky OLDHAM

The ADVERTISER group are planning to set up another vacuous money-grubbing free-sheet in the OLDHAM AREA, run on much the same lines as our own ADVERTISER.
Can we hope that local ADVERTISER Editor BRYAN (Brian? Bryun? Bryum?) CHADDERTON will get the job and that we will at last be free of his empty-headed,half-witted right-wing philosophising in his monthly comment column?

We'll be happy to write you a reference BRY !□

ROBOT PEEPING TOMS

Bored security personnel at SENIOR SERVICE in NEWTON are fed up with watching over millions of fag packets. They've taken to harrassing pedestrians outside the factory instead.

One evening a couple were walking home along the footpath which links ASHTON ROAD, NEWTON, with the HARBOUR FARM ESTATE, and runs alongside the large SENIOR SERVICE cigarette factory. They were quietly minding their own business when they noticed that one of the firm's security cameras was following their progress. The cameras, which are positioned right round the factory, cost thousands of pounds and can "see" as well in the dark as in daylight. They're also fitted with a Big Brother-style loudhailer. As the couple discovered.

Because it wolf-whistled at them.

Astonished, they walked on to the end of the foot path.

And it wished them 'Good night."

Now EYE has no idea what people get up to on this footpath. But we're certain you're not alone when you do it. Our advice is to wait until you get home. Unless of course you like putting on a show for SENIOR SERVICE security wallahs.□

Legal History

Months ago we revealed exclusively that MRS. JOYCE CAMPBELL, a teacher at Smallshaw County Junior School was taking TAMESIDE to court in an attempt to wrest confidential files off them. The regular local press have only just got round to reporting that her attempt was successful. *TAMESIDE COUNCIL fought this case as a "matter of principle", and canvassed other Local Authorities for help. "A few hundred pounds" came in, according to EYE sources. The legal fees still cost the Council a lot of money.*□

.....as the fascist said to the Bishop

Electioneering National Front-style includes some strange methods. The Front's miserable showing in the local elections (lost deposits all round) is partly explained by such events as DROYLSDEN's ROY VON BARROW arriving at the count in a red Datsun car - after calling for 'British jobs' in his electoral leaflet. And back in April, BARROW and Denton man PAUL ANTHONY (who lost his deposit in DUKINFIELD) heckled the Bishop of Manchester, STANLEY BOOTH-CLIBBORN at a public meeting in ASHTON. With the moral support of one or two skinheads, the brave due called STANLEY a 'red' and a 'commie' then left.

This meeting was called by the END LOANS TO SOUTH AFRICA Campaign. The Bishop described his own visit to NAMIBIA and the dreadful conditions people are living in. Councillor JIMMY EASON was present and everyone mulled over TAMESIDE Labour Group's embarassment at having to bank with BARCLAYS who are heavily involved in SOUTH AFRICA. BARCLAYS supplied the lowest tender which the council were forced to accept.□

Hernia

Last November, an EYE reader from TINTWISTLE found he had a small hernia. He was informed by his GLOSSOP based doctor, DR. BANNERJEE, that he must choose between a seven-year wait to have it put right on the National Health Service - or have it done privately. Not wishing to "go private", he chose to put up with it. But by January he could ignore it no longer. He then discovered that as a Day Patient at TAMESIDE GENERAL HOSPITAL, he would have to wait for only one week. EYE wonders what possible interest DR. BANNERJEE could have in his patients going for private fee-paying health care?□

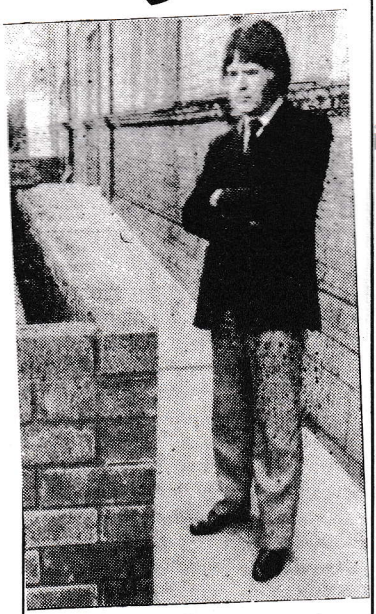
STONE JUG BAND

GEORGE TYSON a TAMESIDE Highways Superintendant, and his engineer colleague DAVID STOTT recently sacked a flagger for nipping off to the STONE JUG in STALY - BRIDGE for a swift pint on a sunny day. No doubt GEORGE and DAVE were within their rights to do so.

But they clearly had inside knowledge of the naughty ways of boozing flaggers. We understand that before he gained promotion to Managerial rank DAVID STOTT had more than a passing acquaintance with the inside of the STONE JUG. *Another one of DAVID's favourite pubs is the GORTON BROOK HOTEL in MANCHESTER where he used to attend interesting strip shows organised for High - ways Dept. workers.*□

Ding~Dong

Who can now doubt that cuddly wig-wearing HYDE Tory councillor JOHN (ding dong) BELL is one of the worlds top - ranking economic thinkers? At a recent council meeting *Ding dong* opposed a council plan to ban South African fruit from school meals in TAMESIDE on the grounds that such a 'catastrophic' move would result in *'no world trade taking place!* A truly horrendous prospect JOHNO! But do TAMESIDE school kids *really* eat so much fruit? *For the benefit of Ding-dongs many fans we print this fine picture of the great man pitting his wits against a wall.*□



Drugged

A potentially dangerous contraceptive drug has been administered at TAMESIDE hospital without warning the patient about possible side - effects.

An EYE reader was present in TAMESIDE hospital some months ago when a woman who had recently given birth was offered the drug DEPO PROVERA by a young doctor who did NOT name the drug and reassured the patient that there were no side-effects. The woman accepted it. In fact, DEPO PROVERA is banned in the U.S. and the British Government has recently refused to license it for long - term use in this country.□

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Last month, in EYE 33, we reported how "financial consultant" RONALD SHAW ANDERSON had "forgotten" to pay an ex-employee £300 awarded to her by an Industrial Tribunal. It now appears RONALD was absent-minded elsewhere. For a while he was Treasurer of TAMESIDE VOLUNTEER BUREAU, pleased at the status this gave him. The staff, who find volunteers for community projects, used to get their wages late. RONALD was slow to pay the telephone bills, and on two occasions the telephone was cut off. He was politely asked to resign, but refused. When he finally departed, he left the books in quite a mess.

No cash was missing, but all this could explain why his firm - SHAW ANDERSON FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS LTD - closed down.□

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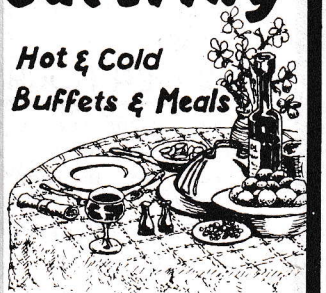

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Desperate Donald rides again

Ever since DONALD THORPE got kicked off TAMESIDE COUNCIL back in 1979 cuddly Tory leader COLIN GRANTHAM has looked like Saveen without Daisy May or Harry Corbett without Sooty. But now 'Desperate' Donald is back representing Stalybridge South Ward and is all set to go. But there are dark satanic rumours of goings-on at DONALD's Freemasons Lodge.

It seems that 'Desperate' has recently been given the order of the boot by the Royal Edward Lodge 1088. Our Masonic moles offer several explanations of 'Desperate's' demise, including an inscrutable failure to cough-up Lodge dues and a similar reluctance to part with monies owed following his daughter's 'do' at the Masonic Hall.

This is not the first reputable organisation that 'Desperate' has been forced to leave.

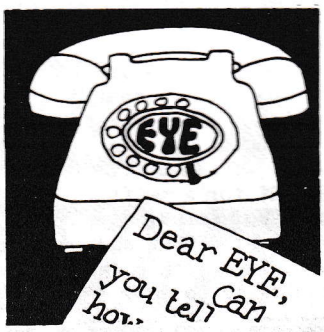
In March 1979 this noble steel-broker was chucked off the governing body of St. James's primary school in ASHTON having conspicuously failed to attend meetings there for over a year. DONALD made no mention of this on his election leaflets.

For indeed it was a humiliating experience for this former Chairman of the Education Committee and founder member of the ill-fated Concern for Education Group that so conspicuously failed to provide TAMESIDE with its very own version of E ton and Harrow the other year.

But, DONALD's re - emergence onto the local political scene can only raise the level of political opposition on TAMESIDE's Labour dominated council. Nobody can accuse 'Desperate' of not having brains. A charge that can all-too-easily be levelled at the currently voiciferous spokesman JOHN 'Ding-dong' BELL.

*Desperate's election leaflet contained a rather interesting promise. It says, quite baldly, that if you vote for him he will.....
Put an end to madness!

Can we now expect DONALD to call for the establishment of official TAMESIDE loony-catchers with special large-size butterfly nets roaming the streets of this fair borough in little yellow vans? □



Jumping the gun

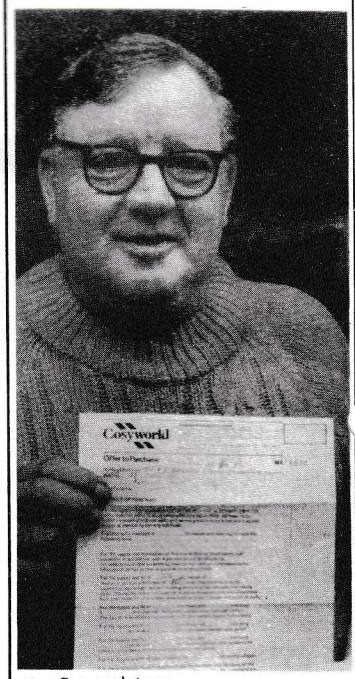
MR. BROUGHTON of 24 DUKE ROAD, NEWTON in HYDE, paid £10 deposit to COSYWORLD INSULATION LTD. to have his council house insulated. A month later he was wondering why he'd heard nothing from them.

EYE spoke to MRS.RILEY COSYWORLD's Administrator at their SWINTON base. We asked her why MR.BROUGHTON and other council tenants were still waiting for their insulation. *MRS. RILEY revealed that COSYWORLD are not approved council contractors.*

In which case why were they asking for deposits on jobs they cannot do? MRS. RILEY ducked this question by pointing out that they had applied to be on TAMESIDE's approved contractors list in July 1981 but heard no decision. 'Our Director of sales saw TAMESIDE officials this week,' she added.

It appears that COSYWORLD have 223 outstanding orders which they cannot do unless TAMESIDE COUNCIL gives the go-ahead. COSYWORLD, who are a subsidiary of the FIBREGLASS DIVISION of the massive PILKINGTON's glass company are willing to refund MR. BROUGHTON's deposit if he wants to claim it back.

MR.BROUGHTON's troubles don't stop at insulation. His house needs a new front door, glass in the back door, re-wiring, and the shed door hinges have dropped off. □



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Bye-Bye Barry, the dubious double glazer

Dubious double-glazing boss BARRY JOSEPH of "Millionaires row," Whitefield in Bury has gone bust for the second time in six months, leaving behind a string of angry dissatisfied customers including LAUREN LAWTON of HYDE who made the mistake of paying JOSEPH £830 cash for a job that turned out to be ham-fisted and incompetent.

LAUREN LAWTON rues the day last September when she stepped into the sales caravan of COLDBREAK Shropshire Ltd. on HYDE market place.
She was persuaded by JOSEPHs saleswoman MRS. BENNETT to order two aluminium double-glazed windows and a new hard wood front door.

Claims

LAUREN claims that MRS. BENNETT promised to inspect the finished job personally, and the day after Boxing Day 1981 "two lads" arrived to start work. They finished on Dec.31st, MRS. LAWTON paid cash on the nail, the lads went home, and that was when the trouble started.

The front door didn't fit, the double glazing had been put in back to front and crooked, and the aluminium on one of the windows was cracked.
An independant surveyor who inspected the work later said it was so shoddy that it would be cheaper to do it all again than repair it.
He also told MRS. LAWTON that the window frames were now loose, and she fears they may fall out.

Calls

MRS. LAWTON then made the first in a long series of 26 phone calls to BARRY JOSEPH's company. They were met with false promises, delay, bizarre excuses and eventually five months later with the 'number unobtainable' whine.

Eventually a JOSEPH employee calling himself 'TONY' came to look the work over and promised that MRS. LAWTON would get compensation and repairs done.

Nothing happened.

She rang MRS. BENNETT who didn't come herself but sent a 'MR. BROWN' the 'Area Manager'. She claims he told her that there was little chance of getting money back from JOSEPH and suggested she ring COLDBREAK up under an assumed name, get the work done again and then refuse to pay !
She didn't take this unusual advice and eventually succeeded in contacting BARRY JOSEPH himself, who was friendly, co-operative, and promised that the job would be put right.

It wasn't.

Engine

She continued to 'phone. On one occasion she was told by COLDBREAK employees that workmen HAD been on the way to do the repairs but *"the engine on their van had fallen out."*

On another occasion she was told that all the materials for the job HAD been in a van that had gone down to Shropshire on other business and had been stolen!

Then again, a gentleman calling himself 'BARRY JOSEPH JNR" told her that the workmen who were supposed to have come that day hadn't done because they had got drunk the night before and were off sick.

MRS. LAWTON smiling bravely as she points out the leaking gap at the base of her brand new COLDBREAK front door. She has lost £830 to a company which has now gone bust.

On yet another occasion MRS. LAWTON was heartened to hear that everything was at last ready but the workmen couldn't come because they were still waiting for twelve tiles. MRS. LAWTON offered to come and pick up the ready material herself but the COLDBREAK men said this was not possible.

In the end MRS. LAWTON contacted the office of TRADING STANDARDS who investigated and told her that the company that sold her the double glazing COLDBREAK Shropshire Ltd., had actually gone bust before the sale! JOSEPH was now operating under the name COLDBREAK Manchester Ltd.

In desperation MRS. LAWTON rang MRS. BENNETT again. She said she couldn't come round to look at the job because she had just had an eye operation and couldn't see anything!

In fact MRS BENNET has been quite seriously ill as a result of a virus infection contracted whilst on holiday, which also explains her inability to inspect the job after it had been completed in December.

MRS. LAWTON contacted Stalybridge and Hyde MP TOM PENDRY who rang up COLDBREAK in mid-May only to get a 'number **unob**tainable whine.'

That same week MRS. LAWTON got a phone call from the TRADING STANDARDS office informing her that COLDBREAK Manchester Ltd. had just gone into liquidation. She rang the Receiver, a MR. HOFFMAN, who told her that there was no chance of her getting any money back because JOSEPH's company did not have any money.

Poof!

He also told her that there was a string of creditors, including people who had given deposits for similar work to MRS. LAWTON's and had got nothing for their money.

With the help of BURY paper METRO NEWS, EYE attempted to contact BARRY JOSEPH.
His Company Accounts give his address as RINGLEY RD., WHITEFIELD,

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Chateau Biggles

Throughout history great public figures have had their retreats, Sherlock Holmes had Baker St., Ted Heath had 'Morning Cloud'. Hitler had his Bunker and until recently Mossley businessman and Kamikaze helicopterist Leon 'Biggles' Howard had 'Woodfield House' Wakefield Rd., Staly - bridge.
But now Biggles is leaving his superior des. res. and this sprawling Georgian pile is available to anyone with £165,000 in readies. (viewing strictly by prior appointment.)

Flogging

Stalybridge Estate Agents SUTTONS have landed the job of flogging 'Chateau Biggles', and their handout is predictably lavish. Obviously Mr.and Mrs. Biggles like a regular change of scene in their night-life, because they have five bedrooms to get around, one of which features 'ensuite' bathroom with a kinky sunken 6ft.round bath in Grecian style. (Holy Socrates Bathman!)

Woodfield House offers a wide range of relaxing luxuries to captains of industry, or convalescing helicopter crash victims. There is an exotically shaped 25,000 gallon indoor pool, just the thing after a hard day stuffing £10 notes into sacks, and after an invigorating splash what could be more agreeable than a snooze on the top shelf of the 8-place Nordic Sauna?

A place you shouldn't choose to snooze on after a skinful in the *'party room with built-in bar'* is the garage roof which BIGGLES uses as a helicopter pad.

Cats

Now a point for cat burglars; conduct your nefarious business in hours of daylight lest your stripy T-shirt, little mask and swag bag be suddenly illuminated by BIGGLES' automatically activated garden lighting with its very own photo-electric cell.

Connoisseurs of multiple toilet facilities in TAMESIDE mansions may remember our recent piece on ESTATE AGENT PHILIP DAWSON's bijou bungalow in LONGDENDALE and wish to make comparisons with chateau BIGGLES. Well we reckon that BIGGLES' pile definately has it over DAWSON's heap in the lavatorial status stakes; it has four bogs whereas DAWSON's only had three. (What DO these wealthy chappies eat??)

Chateau Biggles is described as 'A unique, unspoiled cotton Barons mansion'. So, if you're an unspoiled cotton baron look no further.

EYE regulars may be wondering where our hero is moving to. We understand that the lovely city of YORK may be BIGGLES next roost, isn't that where they hanged DICK TURPIN ? □

Cheap bags

Unemployed school leavers in MOSSLEY are faced with a stark choice at the local JOBCENTRE. It's either a dead-end Work Experience, or a job with local low-pay specialists LEONARD BRADBURY LTD.

EYE readers will recall our article on pay and conditions of wire bag lacers at BRADBURY's (EYE 25). Their JOBCENTRE advert offers 90p an hour to start but doesn't mention that the pay could well be *less* than this when you're put on piecework at about 1p per bag. You have to lace over 100 bags an hour to make more than £20 a week, with fingers heavily bandaged as protection against cuts and scratches on rusty wire.

The pay offered to unemployed kids contrasts sharply with the remuneration of BRADBURY directors ROBIN TARR of SCOUT HOUSE MOSSLEY, and DENNIS TARR of SIDEBOTHOM FOLD, MOTTRAM RISE, both of whom have 13,000 shares in BRADBURY's parent company BRADY INDUSTRIES. They had a pretax profit of £465,961 in 1980/1 and payed a dividend of £561,079 to its lucky shareholders. □

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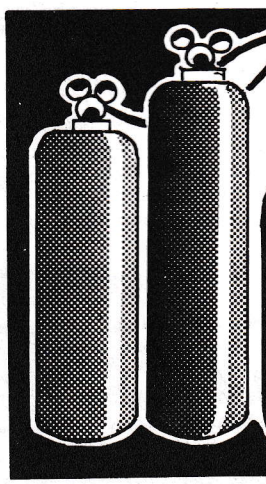
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TWENTY SKILLED FITTERS AND ELECTRICIANS ARE BEING LAID OFF AT HARNDENS PACKAGING MACHINERY FACTORY IN HYDE. DIRECTOR DEREK JARMAN SAYS THEY WILL ONLY GET THE GOVERNMENT'S MINIMUM REDUNDANCY PAY.

Six years ago there were over 100 fitters in the Assembly Area at HARNDENS. After the latest round of redundancies there will only be 16 skilled men and 7 apprentices left.

Asset-stripping

Shop stewards were called in by Director, DEREK JARMAN, and told 20 were to go down the road. ERNIE STAFFORD, full-time union official for the AUEW, accused the firm of "asset-stripping" in the negotiations that followed. JARMAN said this was "unfair", but could not deny that some of the firm's machines have already gone and others will soon go on the market. HARNDENS used to be part of SULZER BROS. Recently it was bought by COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SECURITIES LIMITED,a LONDON-based conglomerate, with interests in caravans, shop-fitting, and packaging.

Another closed

Last year they took over a BRADFORD firm called NORPAK. This firm was closed down and the work transferred from Yorkshire to HARNDENS in HYDE. Despite the extra work, 40 were still made redundant last March.
This time around, MAURICE TINKLER, Director and Company Secretary of COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL, came up to HYDE to supervise personally the redundancies. He claimed the loss of NIGERIAN trade had affected the company's sales.

Gift to Tories

The latest available accounts for COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SECURITIES LTD. run up to the end of 1980. Turnover was £21.3 million and profit after tax just over £1 million. CHAIRMAN, JOHN HENRY SEYMOUR, was paid £21,000 for his services, whilst the highest paid Director got £30,000. Dividends to shareholders were up 25% on the previous year and totalled £62,000. And just in case there was any doubt: a donation of £2500 was sent to the Conservative Party coffers...

James North

Hot Dips

Temperatures of 90 degrees F. brought part of JAMES NORTH AND SONS HYDE to a standstill one day in May. Management had refused to honour an agreement on manning levels.

Making PVC gloves for JAMES NORTH's is hot work. Every four minutes trays of the gloves are put in an oven set at 400 degrees F., where they are cured. As they come out, they are cooled until they are just bearable to touch.

Extra Man

During the hot 1976 summer an agreement was reached that an extra man would come on if the temperature went over 84 degrees, enabling the rest of the team to take short rest periods to recover from the heat.

On Thursday 14th May, as the temperature in the 'dip' rose, workers had their eyes on the thermometers which they claim are placed in the coolest areas of the Dept. With the temperature at 84 degrees at ground level it can be anything up to 105 degrees on the platforms the men work from, which are set 8 ft. off the ground.

Stoppage

The heat became stifling but the works manager refused to put on a spare man. The 'dip' stopped work. Within an hour everyone was back, with an extra man appointed.
But, unless management improve ventilation this dispute is likely to drag on - a new roof has just been installed, making the 'dip' stuffier than ever.

Ashton Brothers

Nursery Closure

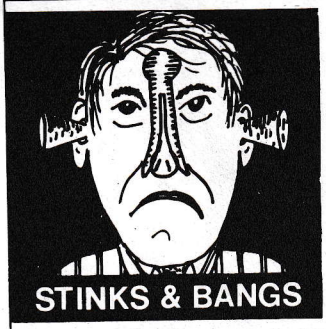
Much to management's surprise, their decision to close ASHTON BROS nursery at HYDE has been met by energetic opposition from the workforce. The proposed nursery closure would prevent many women with young children from working at the factory. ASHTON BROS is being progressively run down by its parent company, the massive multi national, COURTAULDS, who also closed VICTOR MILL, STALYBRIDGE, earlier this year. All eyes are on the normally timid HYDE AMALGAMATED WAREHOUSE WORKERS ASSOCIATION, the workers' union, to see if and how it fights the closure.
Parents looking for a nursery can support the anti-closure fight by placing their children at the ASHTON BROS nursery.

Marks & Sparks

There may be a recession on, but no-one 'as told MARKS and SPENCER, who have a store in the centre of ASHTON. Last year the firm's profits leapt by 22% to £222 million, although there's no way of telling how much TAMESIDERS contributed to this. Total sales were more than £2198 milion.

I.C.I.

ICI's financial results for the first quarter of the year don't bode well for the HYDE workforce. Profits were £30 million lower than incoming chairman JOHN HARVEY-JONES had predicted. He said there was no evidence of increased economic activity and spoke about 'radical rationalisation' in the European Plastics and Petrochemicals industry.



On the Naughty Niff scene this month we note that WOLFENDEN CARRIERS LTD. of DROYLSDEN have been convicted of two offences under the Clean Air Acts and fined £100 and costs. STINKS AND BANGS would not be complete without arch-polluters BOWER GRINDING of MOSSLEY whose perpetual pong continues to bring complaints from MICKLEHURST dwellers. Last issue we mentioned that DYMACHEM of ASHTON had their company sign hung over an old FOR SALE notice, and now we see it has been moved. EYE gets results folks!

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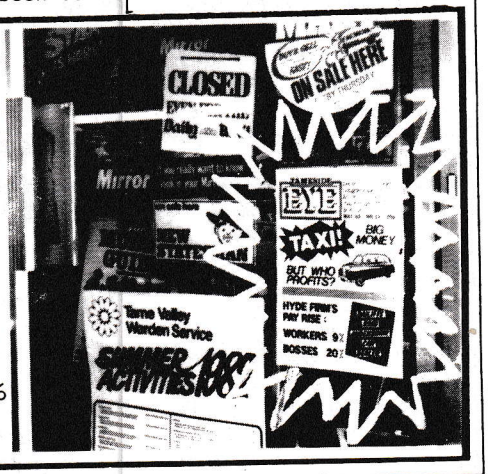

Barry cont. from P.5

A row of very plush houses known locally as 'Millionaires Row.' But, his 'phone is ex-directory. His Whitefield workshop has been boarded up since early May. And when a reporter went along to JOSEPH's house personally he was told by the new occupants that JOSEPH had moved to somewhere in SALFORD. However, the Gardener who had worked for JOSEPH gave some information about the man that would hardly surprise MRS. LAWTON:

'Before I took the job with him' he said,*' I was told to make sure he paid me in cash, weekly.'*

In view of all this anyone who read JOSEPH's double-glazing advert in THE ADVERTISER of 20th MAY would be well advised to ignore it.

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After failing to locate BARRY JOSEPH himself we rang MRS BENNET his former sales rep.

She confirmed that MRS LAWTON was not the only JOSEPH customer who had been ripped off, and suggested that MRS LAWTON's case was by far from being the worst. MRS BENNET says that she herself is owed money by JOSEPH whom she has been trying to contact for some weeks. She described JOSEPH as 'very charming' told how he had wined and dined her in his £100,000 BURY mansion and is very bitter about being left by JOSEPH to deal with angry customers who can not expect ANY compensation now the firm has gone bust. She has tried to persuade the ADVERTISER to take out JOSEPH's adverts which include her telephone number, as she hasn't worked for him for months and is thoroughly fed up with abusive phone calls from JOSEPH's customers. □

BUBBLES!

Last issues entries weren't up to your usual standards. But one of ALF BEN's three entries raised a chuckle, so he gets the years free sub. This month: What is the cheeky scout saying to the grim plod. Entries to EYE, POBOX30, HYDE.

Hallo Readers!

I was outraged to read criticism in our local press of a HATTERSLEY woman who chose to feed her pet Chihuahua on deep fried chicken.

My good friend LADY DOREEN FONDUE-SET, the President-for-life of the GEE CROSS and MOTTRAM ROAD pet pamperers league wishes me to point out that very many prominent TAMESIDE people feed their pets on the very best food.
Take that former Conservative leader COLIN GRANTHAM!
He feeds his pet Piranha TEBBIT on a small herd of the finest Highland Cattle once a week, whilst Labour leader ROY OLDHAM feeds his shoal of tame newts on nothing but VOL AU VENT and chips.

Whilst my very own pet-HERBERT the dung-beetle will eat nothing but council minutes, despite the severe case of indigestion it induces. In fact, dung-beetles in general are SO partial to TAMESIDE COUNCIL minutes that it would be a jolly good idea if the council deep-froze them in cellophane packets so that dung-beetles the world-over can benefit from them.

Wretch

Green

SHIRLEY PARK residents Association DENTON have taken on a Barrister to fight the large property-to-transport firm CHRISTIAN SALVESON.

Not content with helping to start the third world war - they own the old whaling station on South Georgia - SALVESON want to destroy Green Belt around WINDMILL LANE, DENTON.

As we go to press, they are appealing against planners' refusal to let them build houses there. The RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION are going to need a lot of support to win this one. □

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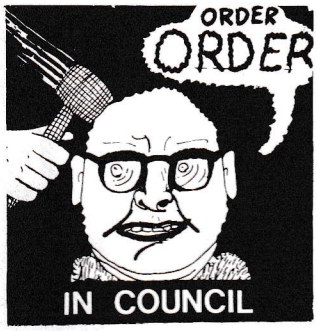


Rubbish

DROYLSDEN WEST voters were treated to some fine mud-slinging in the closely fought contest between the Liberal's CAROLINE JOHNSON and Labour's PETER JEPSON.

JOHNSON won by 84 votes but not before the Lib's newsletter FOCUS had accused Labour of *'picking on one of our senior citizens'*. Labour's newsletter INSIGHT came back by stating that some Liberals were *'on first name terms'* with the National Front, and *'had their arms around each other in jubilation'* after the election count. FOCUS roared back with *'This slur is completely untrue'* and accused INSIGHT of being *'full of rubbish'*.
To be continued. □

Power

Patience rewarded. PHIL TOMLINSON, MOSSLEY Labour councillor has just been made Deputy Chairman of RECREATION. PHIL has, in the past, been rather unsuccessful in his bids for power. No doubt his hard work as election agent for HURST CLLR. GLYN FORD did his chances no harm. FORD was returned with a greatly increased majority - much to the surprise of some in the Labour camp. They had already been planning FORD's successor at the EDUCATION DEPT. □

Ructions

Ructions in NEWTON WARD LABOUR PARTY. JOHN SWIFFIN has just resigned as fund-raiser, following rows over the funds and who is responsible for handing over the cash to the new officers. There has even been talk of legal action, tensions are so high. Vice-Chairman KEITH PARRY has been overbusy running HYDE CARNIVAL, leaving Chairman PETER ROBINSON to hold the fort against attacks on the old SWIFFINite grip on the Ward. A grip which is fast disappearing. □

She's Off

NEWTON's answer to SHIRL the PEARL Councillor SYLVIA SWIFFIN has taken her bat home. Not only is she moving house, away fron NEWTON ward, but she's no longer in charge at LIBRARIES AND ARTS.
In fact, she didn't stand for any post on the new council.
To crown it all, SYLVIA's well-known hatred of NEWTONs other LABOUR councillor PETER BAILEY gave rise to rumours that she actually went round asking people *not* to vote for him in the MAY elections, certainly there was no 'VOTE BAILEY' poster in the SWIFFIN windows.
As one leading councillor put it: 'She's bowing out - ungracefully!' □

Gas

DROYLSDEN Councillor RON FOSTER the man from North West Gas is going to be able to spend a lot more time on his American twin-town this year. Poor RON has been ousted from the Deputy Chairmanship of EDUCATION by Hattersley's Councillor PAUL SMITH. This leaves RON with no posts on this council and firmly out in the cold. □

Hot Air

Red faces all round at HURST Ward Labour Party in Ashton. An over-enthusiastic election leaflet claimed that BROADOAK council tenants had had central heating installed and other improvements by the council. This was news to the tenants, who could find no sign of the mythical heating.
A hurried note of apology had to be sent out. □

Creeping Left

The balance of power between right and left in the Labour group has shifted, with modest gains made by the left.
When DENTON's MARTIN WAREING (right) and ASHTON's GLYN FORD (Left) contested the Chairmanship of the Labour group, the first vote was 21 to 21. On a re-vote WAREING won 22 to 20.
Last year was nowhere near as close. □

Supp. Ben. Appeals

It is possible that a person claiming Supplementary Benefit could encounter problems. You might find that you are not receiving as much money as you had calculated that you should. Perhaps you are not being given your full rent or an extra amount for heating. It could be that you have a claim for a single payment for clothes, furniture or fuel turned down. What should you do?

ARE YOU BEING UNDERPAID?

You will need to check your Benefit carefully. If you are at all uncertain of the money included ask your D.H.S.S. office for form A124, which tells you how your benefit is worked out. If anything is not included - special diet, extra heating, essential laundry addition etc. ask the local office to review their decision but if they will not put things right YOU SHOULD APPEAL. Do not hesitate, from the moment that the local office make either the original decision OR refuse to review their decision, you have only *28 days* to make your appeal.

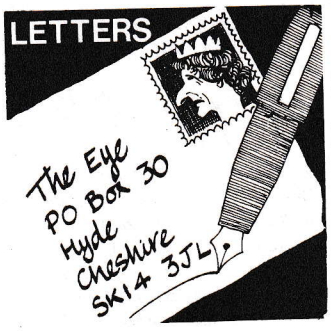
SINGLE PAYMENT REFUSED?

First of all make sure that you were eligible to make such a claim - the regulations are *very* tight now!
Once again you have 28 days to appeal.

Hi there ladies and gentlemen! Tonight we got lotsa contestants and they got lotsa problems and they're going to try to . . . BEAT THE TRIBUNAL!

You may need help to check on the wording of the regulations or any decisions which could be in your favour. Such information is available in Ashton Reference Library or help can be sought from the Tameside Welfare Rights Unit, 6 Milk St., Hyde.

Prepare your case carefully. You can take a friend along as witness or helper. You could be represented by an advice worker from the Welfare Rights Unit or a friend or simply do it yourself.
Remember, it does not cost anything to appeal. It is fairly informal and the Chairman will explain to you what happens.
You have the right to appeal - if you think that a decision by the D.H.S.S. is incorrect - APPEAL! □



Smoke

DEAR EYE,

I refer to the column headed 'Senior Service day-shift goes' in your May 1982 publication, in which your correspondent claims that he was ~~didled~~ out of several weeks redundancy pay or wages, along with 50 other workers. I think for the benefit of yourself and your readers that the 'Tobacco Workers' Union should defend themselves against what is implied in the article.

Firstly, there was nobody 'made' redundant, as employees 'volunteered'. The reason for this being that the Company had excercised what they considered to be their right to ask for volunteers and to discuss terms with the individuals, despite the fact that it was a well known and publicised fact that the Tobacco Workers Union were in dispute with the Company over the redundancy terms, and still are. Evidence of this you will find on the H.R.I. form that the Company sent to the Dept. of Employment as far back as 17th Dec.81.

My only conclusion can be that if your correspondent or his colleagues did not like the terms that were being offered they should have not accepted them and we would have been only too pleased to have them continue as members and also their employ - ment with Senior Service Ltd.
Yours faithfully,
K.G. JONES

District Organiser
The Tobacco Workers Union
77 Lisburn Lane,
Tuebrook, Liverpool.

EYE ADDS: These were also the first redundancies the Union had dealt with at SENIOR SERVICE. The local Union has made it clear they are opposed to any redundancies whatsoever. The dispute over terms was because ordinary pay rates instead of shift rates were used to work out the redundancy money.

Sue Grabbit & Runne

WE WERE GOING TO PRINT A LETTER HERE ...
...BUT OUR LAWYER ADVISED US NOT TO.

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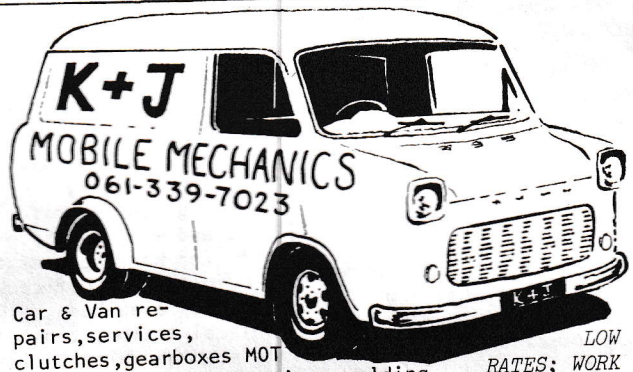
We have received a letter from ROBERT SYKES of the ELECTORAL REFORM SOCIETY, but since it has already appeared in THE REPORTER and THE ADVERTISER we didn't see why we should print it as well.



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Oldham Rd. Ashton
5th June for 7 days
6.30 p.m.
DEATH RACE 2000 (X)
QUADRAPHENIA (X)
Mons £1 adults
Tues-Sun £1.50 adults,
75p kids, 40p OAP

30th May for 7 days
7.20 p.m.
MILLIONAIRE &
CALIFORNIA TRIPLE
PLUS
ARTHUR (AA)

31st May 6 days
1.40pm Mat.
Blonde atom bomb (U)
&
Battle beyond the
stars (U)
Children 75p.
Adults £1.50
OAP 40p

Monday 7th June 6 days
1.40pm Mats.
Chicane (U)
The People that time
forgot (U)
£1 Mon. Tues-Sun
£1.50 adult, 75p.
kids, 40p OAP

13th June for 7 days
AIRPLANE (AA)
LIFE OF BRIAN (AA)
Mons £1. Tues-Sun
£1.50 adults, 75 kids
40p OAP

AABEN
Jackson Cres. Hulme
226 1153
1. ALL NIGHT LONG (AA)
AND
DAYS OF HEAVEN (A)
2. RAIDERS OF THE LOST
ARK (A)

May 30th Sun-Wed.
THE CANTERBURY TALES
AND
WHAT DO YOU SAY TO A
NAKED LADY,
June 3rd Thurs - Sat.
FELLINI ROMA (X)
FELLINI SATYRICON (X)

HYDE PARK LONDON
Sunday 6th June
CND RALLY
All those taking part
from the N.W. of England
to assemble at Hamp-
stead Rd. London at 11.30am
There will be a march thru
London converging on
Hyde Park later in the
afternoon. There are 2
trains leaving this area
1.Rochdale to Euston via
Victoria M/cr.
2. Piccadilly to Euston
via Crewe £8 return or
£5 unwaged. Contact BOB
WALDER 061 431 4337

TOLLEMACHE ARMS
Manchester Rd.Mossley
9th June 8p.m.
HUDDERSFIELD CANAL SOC.
MEETING.
Free - New members
welcome.

CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH
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Sat 10th July 10am-4pm
WOMEN's HEALTH DAY
"Do we need a well womens
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Workshops:-
Menopause and growing old
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Contact Jean Martin
338 4824.

WITHINGTON ADULT EDUCAT.
CENTRE 861.2205.
Saturday 5th June
9.30am - 4.15pm
GREATER MANCHESTER CND
are holding a day school.
This month's topic:-
'Nuclear power and
nuclear weapons.'
Contact Bill Ward on
above tel. no.

GREEN ROOM OF UNITY INN
Croft St. HYDE.
Tues 1st June 82. 8pm
HYDE AGAINS THE MISSILES
Business Meeting.
Free.
New members welcome
Contact Dr.Valerie
Bryson. Mottram 63664
for further details.

Folk

THE BUTCHERS ARMS Mossley
Every Tues ev. 8pm.
Folk night with well known
local and national singers.
Cost varies. Check with
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THE STATION, Wellington
St. Ashton
Every Mon. evening 8pm
Folk night. Resident
Group'The Black Edds'
on alternate Mondays.
Singers welcome
Donations.

ROSE AND CROWN
Stalybridge
Every Fri and Sun 9pm
Folk night
Speical guest on Fri
Singers night on Sun
Donations welcome.

THE STATION BUFFET
Platform 1, Stalybridge
Station.
Every Sat. evening
Folk night - singers
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Cost- Donations

CROSS KEYS Uppermill
Every Weds. 9pm
Folk night with guest
artistes.
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THE GLOBE GLOSSOP
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Folk night with well-known
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for further details.

THE CLARENCE Stamford St.
Ashton.
Every Tues. evening
Folk night with guest
singers.

Country

ROSE & CROWN Stalybridge
Every Thurs and Sat Evg.
Country and Western night
with special guest artistes.

Jazz

BIG MARQUEE Fauvel Rd.
Glossop.
Thurs 3rd June 8.00p.m.
GLOSSOP WHITSUNTIDE
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'No change'
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rules. Entry forms
available from local
libraries. FREE
HYDE LIBRARY
Union St. Hyde
May 19th - June 12th
An exhibition of
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by Susan Ashton. FREE
MOSSLEY LIBRARY
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An Exhibition of water
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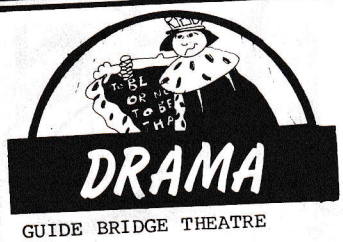
Florence Bayliss FREE



GUIDE BRIDGE THEATRE
Audenshaw
5th -12th June
7.30p.m.
"LAST OF THE RED HOT LOVERS"
Details at Box office

COLISEUM THEATRE Oldham
624 2892
Sat May 29th 7.30p.m.
'A LITTLE OF WHAT YOU FANCY' An evening of comedy from leading Northern writers.

OLDHAM DRAMA FESTIVAL
GRANGE ARTS CENTRE
8th -12th June 7.30pm
The Congress Players pres:
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GRANGE ARTS CENTRE
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Wed 9th June 10p.m.
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Fri.11th - 11.15pm
Sat 12th - 2 p.m.
THE UNSEEN HAND
by Sam Shepherd
Enqu.at box office
ROYAL EXCHANGE M/c
833 9333
20th May - 19th June 7pm
'DETECTIVE STORY'
by Sidney Kingsley.
Directed by John Dillon of the Milwarkee Rep.Theatre

THE BIRCH COMMUNITY CENTRE Brighton Grove M/c
Sat 12th June 8 p.m.
THE STRANGE AFFAIR
by Theatre Alibi
- a double act in one act
Door £1.50, unwaged / Adv. £1.25

THE LIBRARY THEATRE
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